AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for formatting a <u>plurality of</u> source text file<u>s</u> to be imported into a spreadsheet file comprising the steps of:

a) selecting a file format profile to be associated to <u>each of</u> the <u>plurality of</u> source text file<u>s</u>, the <u>plurality of</u> file format profile<u>s each</u> including at least one identifier with a corresponding formatting instruction;

b) creating a source-format link between the <u>plurality of</u> source text file<u>s</u> and the selected <u>plurality of</u> file format profile<u>s</u>;

c) importing the <u>plurality of</u> source text file<u>s</u> into the spreadsheet file;

d) creating a location link between the imported <u>plurality of</u> source text file<u>s</u> and ~~its~~ <u>their</u> location<u>s</u> into the spreadsheet file; and

e) applying the selected <u>plurality of</u> file format profile<u>s</u> to the imported <u>plurality of</u> source text file<u>s</u> by using the source-format link and the location link.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising before step a) a step of creating at least one file format profile including at least one identifier with a corresponding formatting instruction.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising a step of storing the created at least one file format profile into a file format profile database.

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4.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising after step a) the step of modifying the selected file format profile.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising a step of storing the modified selected file format profile into the file format profile database.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising after step d) a step of storing the location link into a spreadsheet user profile database.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the spreadsheet file is created by a spreadsheet program.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising after step e) a step of deleting the location link.

9.   (Currently Amended) A system comprising ~~means for processing the steps of claim 1~~:

        a) a system for selecting a file format profile to be associated to the source text file, the file format profile including at least one identifier with a corresponding formatting instruction;

        b) a system for creating a source-format link between the source text file and the selected file format profile;

        c) a system for importing the source text file into the spreadsheet file;

        d) a system for creating a location link between the imported source text file and its location into the spreadsheet file; and

        e) a system for applying the selected file format profile to the imported source text file by using the source-format link and the location link.

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10.　　(Currently Amended) A computer program product stored on computer usable medium, comprising computer readable program means for causing a computer to perform ~~a method according to claim 1~~ the steps of:

　　a) selecting a file format profile to be associated to the source text file, the file format profile including at least one identifier with a corresponding formatting instruction;

　　b) creating a source-format link between the source text file and the selected file format profile;

　　c) importing the source text file into the spreadsheet file;

　　d) creating a location link between the imported source text file and its location into the spreadsheet file; and

　　e) applying the selected file format profile to the imported source text file by using the source-format link and the location link.

Please add the following new claims:

11.　　(NEW) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of source text files have a specific format.

12.　　(NEW) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one identifier generates an action in the spreadsheet file.

13.　　(NEW) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one identifier further comprises a plurality of identifiers, wherein each identifier generates a unique action in the spreadsheet file.

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14.   (NEW) The method of claim 1, wherein the location link further comprises a directory path to the source text files; and

the location link contains a related location and a size of each of the imported plurality of source text files.

15.   (NEW) The method of claim 1, wherein the source-format link stores a format action applied to the spreadsheet file after the importing.

16.   (NEW) The method of claim 1, wherein the applying further comprises executing a set of formatting instructions based on the at least one identifier contained in the file format profile.

17.   (NEW) The method of claim 8, further comprising updating a spreadsheet user profile to correspond with the deletion.

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